

## THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE

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## NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

INTELLIGENCE HERE GATHERED  
COVERS WIDE AREA.

## GREATER OR LESSER IMPORT

Includes What is Going On at Wash-  
ington and in Other Sections of  
the Country.

### Washington.

That there will be no effort to convert the progressives of the senate into a separate party organization was the opinion expressed by Senator Bristow of Kansas.

The state department received word that William M. Pink, an American citizen, superintendent of the San Toy Mining Co., whose camp is about fifteen miles from Chihuahua, is being held for \$5,000 ransom by the Mexican rebel bands which captured Santa Eulalia.

Gideon C. Bantz, connected with the treasury department for forty years, resigned as assistant treasurer of the United States at the request of Secretary MacVeagh. He will be succeeded by Christian S. Pearce, chief of the division of banks, loans and postal savings.

A new grandson, or, more correctly speaking, a "grandson-in-law" was the rather unique present received by the venerable Senator Shelby M. Culom of Illinois on the occasion of his eighty-third birthday anniversary. The addition to Senator Culom's family was brought about by the wedding of his granddaughter, Miss Eleanor Culom Ridgely, daughter of William J. Ridgely, former comptroller of the currency, and Dr. Henry P. Parker of this city.

### General.

The supreme court has taken a recess until December 2.

There will be no break in the treaty relations of the United States and Russia.

Heartrending scenes are pictured in the Turkish cholera camp of San Stefano, Constantinople.

The Carnegie foundation will pension future ex-presidents in the amount of \$25,000 a year.

Omaha has been made exchange office for collection of duty on shipments from foreign countries.

The second anniversary of the launching of the Madero revolution was celebrated at Mexico City.

All of the Nebraska constitutional amendments, voted upon at the recent election, carried by good majorities.

Senator Moretaty Prendergrast, the ex-premier, was unanimously elected president of the Spanish chamber of deputies.

Two French aviators were killed, one, Andrew Frey, at Rheims and the other, Sub-Lieutenant Laurent, at Etampes.

The message of the governor of Oklahoma interests Nebraska politicians. It recommends abolishment of many public offices.

The Iowa state conference of charities and corrections at its final sessions selected Sioux City as its next meeting place.

Slot machines, candy raffles and all kindred games have been banished from the counters of the Waterloo, Ia., business men.

Disagreement over the permissibility of testimony brought the steel corporation hearing at Chicago to an abrupt temporary ending.

George W. Coulson, former alderman and head of a manufacturing company at Sioux City, committed suicide by shooting.

A dispatch from Canton, China, says: Canton has an army ready to be of service if called to arms against the Russians in Mongolia.

At Buffalo, N. Y., a wealthy fraternity man confessed to having committed many murders, and told where to find several of the bodies.

After fighting with the state for twenty-six years, the Pullman company filed incorporation papers with the secretary of the state of Iowa.

President Taft attended a meeting of the Yale corporation at New Haven.

A story of admissions made by Suspect Clancy was told at the dynamite trial at Indianapolis.

Twenty-six indictments are being sought by the district attorney's office at Portland, Ore., in connection with the scandal brought to light through the admissions of a delinquent boy.

An addition of \$2,000,000 to the endowment fund to the Carnegie foundation for the advancement of teaching was announced by Andrew Carnegie at a meeting of the trustees of his foundation.

Countrywide search for a man who has been victimizing the members of the fraternal order of Knights and Ladies of Security all over the country came to an end at Peoria, Ill., when the police arrested John H. Matthews of Louisville, Ky.

Near Duquoin, Ill., Mrs. Vera Bennett, a fifteen-year-old bride, was burned to death when she attempted to start a fire with kerosene.

Dr. Samuel H. Van Cleave, aged fifty-eight, son of the late Mrs. Charles O. Van Cleave, the first white child born in Minnesota territory, is dead at Minneapolis.

Woodrow Wilson says he has not made a single offer of a cabinet portfolio.

Governor-elect William Sulzer of New York state will begin a hunt for wild turkeys in the mountains of Virginia.

Part of Jamaica was swept by a tidal wave and causing the loss of many lives.

Woman suffragists claim to see the triumph of their cause within the next few years.

Prospects are bright for the early settlement of the West Virginia strike of coal miners.

A court order restraining an increase to Woodmen rates was issued at Springfield, Ill.

Thousands of people attended Minneapolis day at the Northwestern Products exposition.

The government scored an important victory in its prosecution of the bath-tub conspiracy.

J. H. Harthem, a veteran German editor, dropped dead at Shenandoah, Ia., from heart failure.

Games and fancy dress dances are being taught the girls in the state industrial school in Iowa.

A German correspondent pictures the awful condition of Turkish troops along the Tchatalja lines.

Chairman Prouty of the Interstate Commerce commission says railroads should treat all states alike.

A half million dollars in election bets is tied up in California awaiting definite result of the vote.

Major Henry Clay Merriam, retired, died at Portland, Maine, after an illness of nearly two years.

The constitutionality of the newspaper publicity law is soon to be attacked in the supreme court.

The American federation of labor will urge support of alleged dynamiters until they are proven guilty.

Testimony was given to show that dynamite leaders were constantly in search of recruits to their ranks.

Hundreds of Dakotans attended "Dakota day" at the northwestern products exposition at Minneapolis.

The parcels post is not irrevocable. Should its workings prove generally harmful it can and will be repealed.

A madman with a box of dynamite invaded the Los Angeles police station and gave the officers a bad hour.

President Taft will open the annual sessions of the National Rivers and Harbors congress in Washington December 4.

Henry L. Stimson, the American secretary of war, and his party were entertained at Panama Saturday night at a grand ball.

Neil Mulcahy, convicted bank burglar, who escaped from jail at Marysville, Kan., more than a year ago, has been recaptured near Huntsville, Ark.

Judge Hough, in the United States district court at New York approved the amended bill of sale for the bankrupt United States Motor company's property.

President Taft will be the final arbiter in construing the law passed at the last session of congress admitting shipbuilding material, machinery and equipment to the United States free of duty.

San Francisco's fight for the use of the Hetch Hetchy valley in the Yosemite National park as a reservoir for the city's water supply will be waged before Secretary of the Interior Fisher.

When Mrs. Pansy Ellen Lemh, charged with poisoning two women in Pettis county, Missouri, several years ago, appears in the criminal court at Sedalia she will plead not guilty.

At El Paso, Tex., the last transportation given to refugees from Mexico was issued by the army quartermaster's department. Congress made an appropriation for sending these people to a point in the United States they wished to go when they were forced by the rebellion to leave Mexico.

The president has approved the sentence of court martials dismissing from the army Captain A. H. Bishop, First Infantry, and Second Lieutenant Armine W. Smith, third field artillery. Captain Bishop was convicted of false entries and embezzlement and Lieutenant Smith of "deceit in the solution of a military problem."

Four Japanese stowaways who came across the Pacific on the liner Yokohama Maru, which arrived at Victoria, B. C., eluded immigration authorities and now have their freedom in that province. Word was brought by the Sadi Maru that the examination in Yokohama shipping circles disclosed a stowaway society. The ringleaders were severely punished.

Disregarding race and creed in the hour of distress, the Red Cross has stretched out a helping hand to the Red Crescent. Ambassador Rockhill at Constantinople cabled the state department that the Red Cross relief organization in that city under American supervision had not only supplied the Red Crescent with complete outfits for several hundred wounded in the military hospital at Tashklesla, but has equipped a ward in an operating room and supplied surgeons, assistants and nurses under the supervision of Major Sinclair Ford of the medical corps, United States army.

The complete count in California gives Roosevelt a slight lead.

### Personal.

President-elect Wilson on Sunday attended church in Bermuda.

Judge Wakely, dean of the Douglas county (Nebr.) bar, who died a few days ago, was 90 years old.

Charles D. Hilles has resumed his duties as private secretary to President Taft.

John Schrank, assailant of Roosevelt, was pronounced insane and committed to an asylum.

## AS TO ROAD MAKING

A MOVEMENT TOWARD TEACHING  
THE SAME IN SCHOOLS.

## PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION

Senator Epperson of Fairfield Presents Matter to Auto Association  
Other News at Capital.

The teaching of road building in the schools of the state as a means toward education of those who would in later years take more interest in this than has the present generation, was advocated to the State Automobile association in Lincoln by C. H. Epperson of Fairfield, former state senator.

"Our future road overseers, county officials, legislators and governors are growing up within our reach," said Mr. Epperson, "and why should we not begin by teaching them the things that will help them solve the problems of the future. The present generation has only opened up the way—more remains to be learned and still more to be done. Improvement can only begin where entire communities are united in the work and where they are desirous of aiding other communities in completing good roads, with every other section to accomplish lasting results. There can be no better way toward partially solving the problem than by rearing children who are in sympathy with the move and who understand most of its phases."

Senator Epperson has a bill providing for the instruction suggested and it is likely that this will become a part of the road laws' legislation which will be introduced at the coming session of the state's lawmakers. The greater part of the time of one day's session was given over to a discussion of proposed road legislation. A bill looking to the creation of a state highway commission was read over section by section and discussed at considerable length. This as finally approved by the association included the following provisions:

### Proposed Legislation.

"The state highway commission to be composed of the governor, the attorney general and the land commissioner—the same make-up as the present state board of irrigation. The governor to be chairman of the board."

"Three deputy highway commissioners to be appointed by the commission—not more than two members of the same political party. Term of office shall be two years. These officials are to assume office as any other state officials and are to have offices at the state house."

"The duties of the commission shall be to investigate and carry on experimental road building work, to test different methods of construction, to try out plans for building roads in sections of the state where different soils are encountered and to act in a similar capacity with respect to the building of bridges."

"The commissions may be consulted by any county or township or city officials having supervision of roads for information and data relative to road construction, repair or maintenance."

"The commissioners shall receive no compensation for their labor, but they may draw such expenses as they incur in performing their duties."

"The deputy commissioners shall have power to appoint a state engineer to be a specialist in road building and maintenance."

"All road overseers and other officials of counties, villages and towns of the state having supervision over roads, streets and bridges to furnish detailed information with respect to the highways and bridges under their jurisdiction."

Having in mind the defeat of several road bills at the 1911 session of the legislature, the various good road organizations of the state do not propose to let the matter go by default at the coming session. Every effort will be made to obtain the passage of the measures, and in this the automobile association will join.

Grand Island was chosen for the 1913 meeting. The following officers were elected:

President, A. P. Overgaard of Fremont; vice presidents, Lee Huff of Omaha and C. E. Parlosse of Minden; secretary, O. C. Turner of Omaha; treasurer, E. R. Wilson of Omaha.

### Hygiene in the Schools.

A department of hygiene, working with the school children of Lincoln during the twelve months in the year, is expected to be in operation by the second semester of this year or the first of next. The work of this department will not only embrace the teaching of hygiene in all of the grades, but will include the complete working out of the course of study in physical training and organized play.

### Some Apples.

Nebraska raised 7,378,899 bushels of apples this year from a total of 9,604,248 trees, according to a report made by Labor Commissioner Guye.

In 1911 the total yield was 9,935,889 bushels from 3,436,124 trees. While the aggregate amount of the current year was smaller than the year previous, the average yield per tree was also slightly less, the average being 2.88 bushels for 1911 and 2.73 bushels per tree this year. During the year there were raised in the state a total of 19,672,698 quarts of plums.

## IN POULTRY VALUES.

The Great State of Nebraska is Near the Top.

The cackle of the Nebraska hen has been immortalized in verse and her deeds of performance have been made subject matter for legislative reports in years gone by—and well it might. For, according to a statement just issued by the Nebraska department of agriculture the value of poultry products for the year 1911 exceeded \$43,000,000, an exceptionally strong showing when it is taken into consideration that the value of all such products in the entire United States was \$750,000,000. While exact statistics are difficult to obtain from all the states it is believed Nebraska ranks well up toward the top. Says the agricultural department's report:

"That the poultry of Nebraska is of some importance is verified by the fact that the assessment of hens returned by the county assessors in 1910 is over four times as much as all the diamonds found in the state, half as much as all the pianos, ten times as much as all the cash registers, nine times as much as all the safes, and \$112,000 more than all the steam engines."

"The helpful hen is one of the prime factors in reducing the high cost of living; the family with a few dozen hens well kept, need not worry about the meat problem. The busy biddies of Nebraska are hustling her great herds of swine for first place in importance of the marketable products of the state."

"Nebraska hens laid so many more eggs last year than the hens of Kansas that a Nebraska hen could lay one egg a day until she had enough to hatch a brood of chickens, sit on the eggs, hatch the chickens and then overtake the Kansas hen with a second brood before the Kansas biddy had done clucking over her first brood of chicks."

"But Nebraska hens do not have to hatch eggs; they can put in their time laying, for Nebraska factories make annually one-half of all the incubators manufactured in the United States and Canada. These incubators are sent by carloads all over the civilized world, and fluffy chicks by the millions belt the globe as a tribute to the maternal industry which has its headquarters in Nebraska."

"While Nebraska is selling its vast amount of poultry products annually, the great state of Oregon is buying three million dollars worth from Nebraska and other states. The state superintendent of public instruction in Oregon is endeavoring to enlist the school children in the problem of cancelling this deficit by having every child in the schools of Oregon between the ages of 6 and 16 keep a dozen hens. If Nebraska school children were to do that they would make Nebraska the greatest poultry market in the world."

### State Highway Commission.

The State Automobile association, which held the opening session of its annual meeting here, went on record as favoring the creation of a state highway commission and the appropriation of such money as would accrue from half a mill levy to aid in the movement for better roads. Mr. G. E. Parlosse of Minden declared that Nebraska farmers now pay an average of sixteen cents per ton per mile to transport their goods in and out of town.

### Requisition for Cheeks.

Governor Aldrich has issued a requisition for the return of Gus Cheeks, arrested at Omaha, to Des Moines, where he is wanted on a charge of robbery. He is accused of having "held up" one H. P. Dolan, on October 31, and securing a gold watch and \$40.

### Wesleyan Presidents to Meet.

More than 100 presidents of Wesleyan schools and colleges in the United States will gather in Lincoln early next year, making an epoch in the Nebraska history of Methodism.

### New State Buildings.

Several of the state institutions will have new buildings provided for in the appropriations made by the coming legislature if the plans now being arranged by interested parties are given the approval of the lawmakers. The following list shows the contemplated building to be done within the next two years: Orthopedic hospital, \$110,000; Pru normal school, \$75,000; Wayne normal school, \$85,000; Chadron normal school, \$75,000; Girls' industrial school, \$15,000; and Grand Island Soldiers' home, \$10,000.

### Wait on Legislation.

The board of public lands and buildings, after lengthy discussion of the advisability of creating a deficit by furnishing the two new buildings at the Lincoln asylum, decided not to take this step until the legislature meets in January. The buildings are practically completed, but a total cost of \$24,000 must be entailed to connect them with the asylum heating and lighting plant and for the required furnishings for the structures.

### Diphtheria at Ponca.

As the result of the visit of State Health Inspector Wilson to Ponca, five families in that town are under quarantine for diphtheria and orders have been issued that every school child be vaccinated at once. The inspector advised that no public meetings, including church services, be held until the situation improves. One hundred persons in the town are said to be affected by the disease. While most of the cases are of a mild type, a few have been severe and it has been thought best to take no chances.

## TIME NEAR AT HAND

CONGRESS WILL CONVENE ON  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 2.

## THE WORK FIRST TO BE DONE

Impeachment Trial, Six-Year Terms,  
Liquor Shipments and Other Important Measures.

Washington.—Congress will reconvene a week from Monday (Dec. 2), for the last short session of republicans control in national legislation. Comparatively few senators and representatives had reached Washington Sunday, but discussion has been active during the last week among those early on the scene over plans for the winter's work and the prospects for the special tariff session next spring, when all branches of the government pass into the hands of the democrats.

During the early part of the session the house will be busy shaping appropriation bills, while the senate is disposing of the impeachment trial of Judge Robert W. Archbald of the commerce court set to begin December 3.

Several important measures will be pushed for early action in the senate, among them the resolution of Senator Works of California to limit the president to a single six-year term; the Sheppard-Kenyon bill prohibiting the shipment of liquor into prohibition states; and the vocational education bill of Senator Page of Vermont. The bill of Senator Borah creating a department of labor is also scheduled for early consideration.

Energetic efforts will be made in both houses to secure legislation amending the Sherman anti-trust law and limiting contributions to political campaign funds.

Senator Kenyon's bill amending the Sherman law which has been before the senate interstate commerce commission will undoubtedly be brought up for early action in the senate.

Efforts will be made during the session to repeal at least a part of the Canadian reciprocity tariff agreement. The attempts failed last summer, when the repeal was attached to various democratic tariff bills.

The failure of Canada to ratify the agreement left only the clause relating to wood pulp and print paper in operation.

### FIFTY CHILDREN DEAD.

Cry of Fire by Film Operator Starts a Stampede.

Bilbao, Spain.—A terrible panic was caused Sunday afternoon by the cry of fire at a moving picture show here. About fifty children and others were killed. Only one woman up to a late hour at night had been found among the dead. The number of injured is not known as most of them were taken home by friends.

The scene of the accident is a large circus, which had been converted into a continuous cinematograph show. As the price of admission was only 2 cents, the building was crowded to its utmost capacity, for the most part with women and children.

### Trade in Exports.

Washington.—Attainment of a \$4,000,000 foreign trade by the United States in 1912 will be one of the most noteworthy facts for historians to record of the American nation at the beginning of the new year. In announcing the totals of the export and import trade of the country for the ten months ending with October, the bureau of domestic and foreign commerce on Saturday stated the foreign commerce would reach this enormous total by the end of December.

### Orocco Near Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal.—General Pascual Orocco, Jr., whom press dispatches have located in a mountain retreat south of the Texas border suffering from rheumatism, is in Los Angeles or its immediate vicinity and his arrest may be made any day, according to department of justice officials in this city.

### Five Thousand Eat Goose.

Sacramento, Cal.—Five thousand sportsmen from all parts of the United States participated Sunday in a feast at Agricultural park, as the guests of Sacramento. The big goose stew, as it was called, was probably the largest affair of its class yet recorded.

### The Railroads Arraigned.

Boston.—In a lecture before a Wellesly Woman's club, Dr. Harvey Wiley said the railroads provide better traveling facilities for hogs and steers than they do for humanity.

### Sounding Board for House.

Washington.—A new sounding board of stout oak is being placed on the speaker's desk in the house to withstand the crashing blows of the gavel wielded by the good right arm of Speaker Clark in the coming session. The old board was ruined.

### King's Brother Wounded.

Uskub.—Prince Arsene, brother of King Peter of Serbia, was badly wounded in the battle which preceded the capture of Monastir, it was learned here on Saturday.

## NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

All of the amendments voted upon at the late election, carried, none receiving less than four to one.

Judge Wakley of Omaha, one of the oldest practicing lawyers in the state, died last week, aged 90. He was ill six weeks, his death resulting from a fall.

Building the new steel bridge over the Platte river near Ashland, is rapidly progressing, and the Burlington engineers believe they will be able to continue to sink caissons through almost the entire winter.

Julius Shellenberger has sold his general merchandise store at Wymore to John Gerdes, a farmer of near Barneston, possession to be given January 1. Mr. Shellenberger has not decided upon a future location.

T. J. Haley of Rogers, while driving between the Union Pacific double line of tracks east of Rogers, was struck by a Union Pacific freight train. His horses were killed but Haley was not seriously hurt.

John N. T. Jones, veteran night clerk at the Capital hotel, Lincoln, died suddenly, following a brief attack of dyspepsia. Mr. Jones was sixty-eight years of age and had lived in Lincoln since 1869.

A large barn on one of the farms of the late Congressman James P. Latta, Burt county, was destroyed by fire. Ten head of mules and fourteen head of horses and colts were burned to death. In addition the combination corn crib and granary was consumed. In it was about 3,000 bushels of corn and about the same amount of wheat.

A proposition of stocking McClean's island with deer and pheasants is before the Fremont Lobster club, an organization of twenty-three members of boosters. An option has been secured on the island and it has been ascertained that a herd of twenty-five deer, now in the western part of the state, can be bought for the sum of \$500.

About two hundred and fifty manufacturers from the state of Nebraska assembled in Omaha, November 14th and 15th to perfect an organization to be known as the Nebraska Manufacturers association. The attendance was much larger than anticipated, and the business of electing officers was taken up and a permanent organization formed.

At the Beatrice Commercial club rooms in Beatrice a Gage county crop improvement association will be organized. The object of the organization is to employ a farm expert to devote his entire time to Gage county, visiting the farmers and advising them upon the raising of crops. The United States agricultural department will give as much money as the association raises.

Many inquiries are coming to the authorities in Fremont concerning the presence of deer in that vicinity. Some of the letters are from the office of the state game warden, which has shown much interest. The deer was last seen in the vicinity of Fremont island in the Platte river and is believed to be hidden in the undergrowth there. Several persons have seen it but it is wild and fleet-footed.

Action toward securing a law, whereby nursery stock shipped into Nebraska from other states and from foreign countries, will be required to pass inspection, was taken in Lincoln at a meeting of the board of directors of the State Horticultural society. A committee consisting of C. H. Barnard of Table Rock, Peter Younger of Geneva and G. A. Marshall of Arlington, was appointed to draft the bill.

Gowrie (Ia.) dispatch: A man giving his name as Merrill S. Moore of Lincoln, Neb., was shot here and killed after he had emptied his revolver at Marshal Wood and three citizens. He was first seen in Gowrie early in the day, when he purchased a horse of Oscar Berg. Early in the evening he met Berg and opened fire. Marshal Wood was greeted with an additional volley. He returned the fire, killing the man on the first shot.

Dr. H. J. Troemper of Beatrice, assistant state veterinarian, tested the herd of milk cows at the feeble minded institute and found one cow of the herd of twenty-four to be affected with tuberculosis. The animal was immediately killed.

The eighteenth annual convention of the Nebraska state association of county commissioners, supervisors and clerks will convene in Lincoln December 10 for a session of three days. The meeting will be held at the Lincoln hotel. Three hundred delegates are expected to attend. The program provides for a theater party and a banquet as entertainment features to the visitors and their friends.

Frank L. Harman, who has been missing from his old haunts since last September, when he left after handing out checks to the amount of \$80, came back to Fremont accompanied by Sheriff Condit. Harman is temporarily residing at the county jail. It is said that he has just concluded a luxurious vacation tour through the south and that checks have been scattered along the way. Most of these, it is alleged, are worthless.

Darius Barnett, a veteran of the civil war and pioneer citizen of Cumming county, has petitioned the county board of supervisors for admission to the Soldiers' home at Grand Island. The petition has been granted and Mr. Barnett will shortly become an inmate of the home.

Despite the fact that a \$60,000 high school building was erected eight years ago and two entirely new ward schools since that time, the Grand Island board of education again finds itself in a face to face with the need for more room and will take up the proposition of another new building.